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Per our telephone communication yesterday, August 26, 2002, attached please find a copy of the Response to Restriction Requirement and the Date Stamped filing receipt. If you are in need of additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: John BURWELL, et al.

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SERIAL NO.: 09/617,239

EXAMINER: J. MEREK

FILING DATE: July 14, 2000

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRESSURE TESTING STORAGE
TANKS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 26, 2002, Applicants elect, albeit with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-13, drawn to a storage tank, for further prosecution at this time. Furthermore, in response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Figures 1 and 2, and identify Claims 1-8 and 13 as readable on the species in Figures 1 and 2.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to a storage tank, classified in class 220, subclass 582; and
- II. Claims 14-18, drawn to a method of installing a tank, classified in class 29, subclass 407.01.

The Examiner has also required an election between the species of Figures 1 - 2 and Figures 5 - 7.

Applicants respectfully submit that examination of all currently pending claims would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner. Section 803 of The Manual of Patent Examining